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Dear Dr. Kaczynski,

Thank you for your letter of September 27. Having read your book, I believe it might be more to your liking were I to address you as Ted. As I recall, you were irritated with your mother for addressing mail to you with your title (and thereby drawing attention to it) in Montana. Please let me know if it is appropriate for us to address each other by our given names in your next letter.

Your book is even more fascinating than I imagined. I feel qualified to state that your readers will be struck by your gifts as a writer, which is interesting given much of the material in chapters 8-15. I want you to know that I would publish this book regardless of your status in the media industry. As you wrote to me in the first letter, *Truth versus Lies* does contain much that is of considerable human interest. I have read the book with great interest. I know others will.

I am tempted to go through the book with you point by point, but I suppose it might be tedious. There were very few instances where I felt that you were testing my patience as a reader. To the contrary, I finished the book wanting more. There are some instances where I think sentences could use some tightening. But in keeping with your wishes, I will not request that this occur. On the other hand, I could line edit the text (as an exercise in futility) so you could better understand the instances of syntax and the like that I would change if given the go-ahead.

I cannot stop thinking about your autobiographies. You should probably produce one, or at least a memoir. You have a real gift as a writer. I can "hear" your voice loud and clear. I am very much looking forward to what the future brings. I eagerly await your decision (since first things must be first) regarding a publisher for *Truth versus Lies*.

My best,

Ben Friedman

P.S. Please let me know if I am allowed to send you things, and, if so, feel free to make requests.